

Seventh Heaven

When Do We Start?

We return full circle for GrandAM's 7th year of mentoring as school gets underway in September. **Returning mentors, please look forward to Megan's phone call about the coming year of mentoring.**



Policy Change for 2011/2012:

GrandAM has increased the number of off campus activities mentors and students can participate in each year from five to **NINE!** This means you and your mentee can go off campus with another mentor and student once per month if you wish. Off-campus trips serve as an invigorating way to spend time with your mentee and can add life to sessions!



What interesting and fun skills can you share with your mentee?

New Mentor Room

GrandAM has been moved to a new spot in HMK, **Room 252**. Both the GrandAM office and mentor room will be housed in this new location. The new room has great lighting and is just down the hall from the old mentor room in the fifth grade wing.

The evacuation plan for Room 252 is the same: in case of evacuation, take students back to their class immediately so they can be counted. If you are unable to quickly find their teacher or class, check in with another teacher.

Please review the other emergency procedures. A compilation of scenarios can be found in your mentor log.

Thanks for being a human doing, not just a human being. 😊

This Month in Mentoring

- **August 23: First day of school.**
- **August 24-September 15:** Expect a call from Megan to schedule your new mentoring time.
- **September 5: Labor Day.** No school. No mentoring.
- **September 29&30: Mid Term Conferences.** No mentoring.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **October 25, 3-6PM (exact time to be announced): Charlie Appelstein's LIVE mentor training in Moab! This guy inspires and instructs. Stay tuned for more!**

Summer Raft Trip Gallery



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Idea of the month: Review GrandAM policy. This seems like a good time for a few refreshers...



1. Mentors record mentoring sessions on the green pages in their logs and make sure the mentoring filing cabinet is secure.
2. Mentoring can happen only on school grounds, unless on an approved off-campus activity with additional adults.
3. Mentors are not allowed to drive students unless they are district employees who have been approved by the district office.
4. Off-campus policy can be found in mentor logs. Off-campus plans must be approved by parents and Megan (260-9645). The yellow off-campus form must be completed after a field trip.
5. Mentors are not allowed to meet with mentees outside of the established guidelines and program expectations.
6. Aside from a small birthday present, gifts are not allowed.
7. Always leave the door open to whatever room you are using with your mentee.
8. Follow all playground rules. (Posted in the mentor room.)
9. Report any alarming incidents to Dan (260-9646) or Megan (260-9645), *or report to school personnel if danger is imminent.*
10. Keep information about your mentee confidential. Share only generic anecdotes with your friends and family. Never mention any identifiable characteristics about your mentee.
11. Read program newsletters and stay up to date on district happenings like holidays and special schedules.

Attendance Update:

Grand County School District eliminated all attendance clerk positions in the district, so teachers will be responsible for logging attendance for individual student in their classrooms. Therefore, a complete attendance report will not be filed each morning. **Grand Area Mentoring will no longer be able to call and tell you if your mentee is absent from school on your mentoring day.** Please come to meet your mentee at the designated time and place, and as always, arrive early.



HMK Reminder:

Please remember to sign in at the front office at HMK and pick up a volunteer badge.



We can't wait to see you in September! -D&M

Idea of the month: Tangrams!

Fun with shapes... The tangram, (literally meaning "seven boards of skill" in Chinese) is a dissection puzzle consisting of seven flat pieces, which can be formed into specific shapes. It is deservedly one of the most popular puzzles in the world. Use the new tangrams sets in the mentoring rooms to make shapes like these:

